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1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO HANOI GEORGES VILAIN XIV (RPT XIV; HIS ANCESTOR, GEORGES VILAIN WAS FIRST BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ANYWHERE) TOLD EMBOFF APR 27 OF HIS MEETING LAST WEEK WITH SRV VICE FOREIGN MINISTER PHAN HIEN. IN VIEW OF SUCCESS OF WOODCOCK COMMISSION VISIT, HE SAID HE ASKED HIEN IF HE WAS PREPARED FOR FURTHER SUCCESSES TO COME OUT OF FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH US IN PARIS. HIEN SMILED AND SAID YES, HE HAD HIS SUITCASE PACKED. TONGUE IN CHEEK, HIEN NOTED THAT HE READ WITH INTEREST THE NEWS THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD WAS NAMED TO TOKYO AS AMBASSADOR AND LEONARD WOODCOCK WAS APPARENTLY BEING PROPOSED FOR PEKING, SO HE WONDERED WHICH OF THE REMAINING THREE MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WAS GOING TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE U.S. ENVOY IN HANOI.

2. SAME AMBASSADOR RECOUNTED SCENARIO CURRENTLY CIRCULATING IN HANOI FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SRV RELATIONS.
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TIONS, A STORY WHICH THE VIETNAMESE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED. IT BEGINS THAT THE SRV CONSIDERS THAT THE MIA ISSUE IS ESSENTIALLY "OUT OF THE WAY" AND THAT WHAT WILL COME NEXT IS VIET-NAM'S ADMISSION TO THE UN, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, AND U.S. AID, IN THAT ORDER. AS PART OF ITS NEGOTIATING STANCE, THE U.S. WILL SAY THAT NO AID IS POSSIBLE UNTIL THE NEW USG FISCAL YEAR, THUS AFFORDING SUFFICIENT

TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS TO PROGRESS. FINALLY, HANOI COULD
LOOK FORWARD TO A SMALL U.S. MISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED
IN HANOI AT THE END OF 1977, THE SCENARIO CONCLUDES.
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